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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

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The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in a European application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

U.S. Patent No. 4, 102, 608 discloses a reciprocatory piston and cylinder machine.

U.S. Paten No. 4,699,572 discloses a reciprocatory piston and cylinder machine.

French Patent Publication FR 2 655 535 discloses a transplantation valve between an upstream duct (1) leading from one of the ventricles of the subject's skull, and a liquid-discharging downstream duct (2). The valve comprises a chamber (4) into which the two ducts (1, 2) open, at least one seat (6b) located in the chamber at the outlet of one of the ducts, a seal (7) which is movable in relation to the seat, and a driving element (6) which moves the seat and the seal relatively to each other, and which consist of a portion (6) of a tubular ring housed in the chamber (4), one of its ends (6a) being fixed while the other end (6b) carries one of the two mutually movable seat or seal elements. The curvature of said portion (6) corresponds to the difference between the pressure in the chamber (4) and the pressure inside said tubular

portion (6), so that any variation in this pressure difference will tend to make the seal and the seat move relatively to one another.

German Patent No. 1,112,359 discloses a safety valve having a valve seat (f) and a closure element formed of a diaphragm © and a hollow body (d) which is filled with compressed air at a pressure corresponding to pressure at which valve should be open.

German Publication 2E 196 34 ST8 A1 discloses a reciprocating pump with a release valve (13, 14, 18).

German Publication DE 197 21 356 A1 discloses a check valve having a valve seat (14) and a vale head (20) the position of which is pressure controlled (cavity 23, conduits (34, 35) to a fluid source).

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C.F.R. 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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